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Friends,

This week, President Biden's policies drove gas prices higher yet again, further squeezing Americans' wallets. Now, in a desperate attempt to blunt increased fuel costs weeks before the midterms, President Biden [announced the sale of 15 million barrels of oil from America's Strategic Petroleum Reserve](#). This move weakens our national security by depleting these reserves, but is also a blatantly political act.

It's clear that as inflation continues to wallop the country – the President just keeps hitting Americans where they can least afford it.

TWEET: [Dan Bishop: It's a ploy ahead of the midterms](#)

Meanwhile, the Biden Administration denies its role in the price hikes, instead blaming Vladimir Putin and Russia. This is a strawman argument meant to avert Americans' attention from the real culprit: Democrats' war on American energy. Biden should take responsibility for these failures – but I don't expect he will.

The United States should never beg foreign leaders, especially dictators and despots, for one drop of oil. Under President Trump, America was energy independent. My Republican colleagues and I will continue fighting to free our nation from being energy dependent on hostile nations.

READ: [Biden is running U.S. energy security into the ground](#)

Why Are Our Tax Dollars Supporting Drag Queen Performances?

This week, the North Carolina Museum of Art intended to host a drag queen story hour event for children as young as two. Mind you, this museum

receives both state and federal funding. After a chorus of opposition from North Carolinians, the museum quietly scrubbed the event from its website.

READ: [Drag event at NC art museum canceled after protest](#)

The ongoing effort to indoctrinate youth with radical gender theory is despicable. Why is the Left so obsessed with funding and promoting drag queen performances?

TWEET: [Tax dollars going to drag queens?](#)

News also broke this week that the Biden Administration is funding drag performances in Ecuador, of all places.

TWEET: [Biden thinks that drag queens enhance our national security.](#)

Not one penny of your tax dollars should go toward programs that sexualize children.

My colleagues and I are working to ensure that your tax dollars won't be used to fund these perverse programs. That's why [I co-sponsored the "Stop the Sexualization of Children Act" with my colleague, Representative Mike Johnson.](#)

READ: [Congressional Republicans introduce nationwide "Stop the Sexualization of Children Act"](#)

The CDC Adds COVID Vaccine to Childhood Immunization Schedule

This Wednesday, the CDC unanimously added the COVID-19 vaccine to the agency's childhood immunization schedule. This is highly problematic as many states use the CDC guidelines to create their own vaccine requirements.

This decision paves the way for state vaccines mandates for children to attend schools, daycares, and sports leagues.

The [COVID-19 vaccine doesn't prevent the spread of COVID](#) and can be harmful to children. Yet, unelected bureaucrats at the CDC want to dictate to parents that children take an experimental vaccine.

TWEET: [Dan Bishop: The CDC's Decision is Shameful](#)

I agree with my colleague Matt Gaetz, that children should not [“be sacrificed on the altar of the Medical Industrial Complex.”](#)

Parents know what is best for their children and should have the freedom to make these personal choices for their families.

Rep. Bishop Receives National Retail Federation Award

I’m honored to announce that I received the National Retail Federation’s “Hero of Main Street” award this year.

As your representative, I will always support the hardworking men and women who own, manage, and run businesses across the 9th District.



Now Hiring Interns!

My office is now hiring interns. All internships are paid and offer students the opportunity to gain valuable experience serving on Capitol Hill.

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